CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

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Carlo Vescovi	S	Squad #14	202107688	V	Abuse		O.L.		Injury
Incident Date(s)	I	ocation of Incident:	-		18 N	Mo. SO	DL	P	recinct:
Friday, 12/17/2021 9:50 PM	§	87(2)(b)			6/1	7/202	3		75
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Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addı	ess						
Witness(es)		Home Addı	ess						
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command						
1. SGT Kimberley Bove	01998	931555	075 PCT						
2. PO Matthew Bessen	14934	967774	075 PCT						
3. PO Alfredo Vallegonzalez	26408	965589	075 PCT						
Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name						
1. PO Jianyue Guo	06222	934979	075 PCT						
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Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
K . PO Matthew Bessen	Abuse: Police Officer Matthew Bessen failed to provide with a business card.	
L . PO Alfredo Vallegonzalez	Abuse: Police Officer Alfredo Vallegonzalez failed to provide § 87(2)(b) with a business card.	
§ 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)		

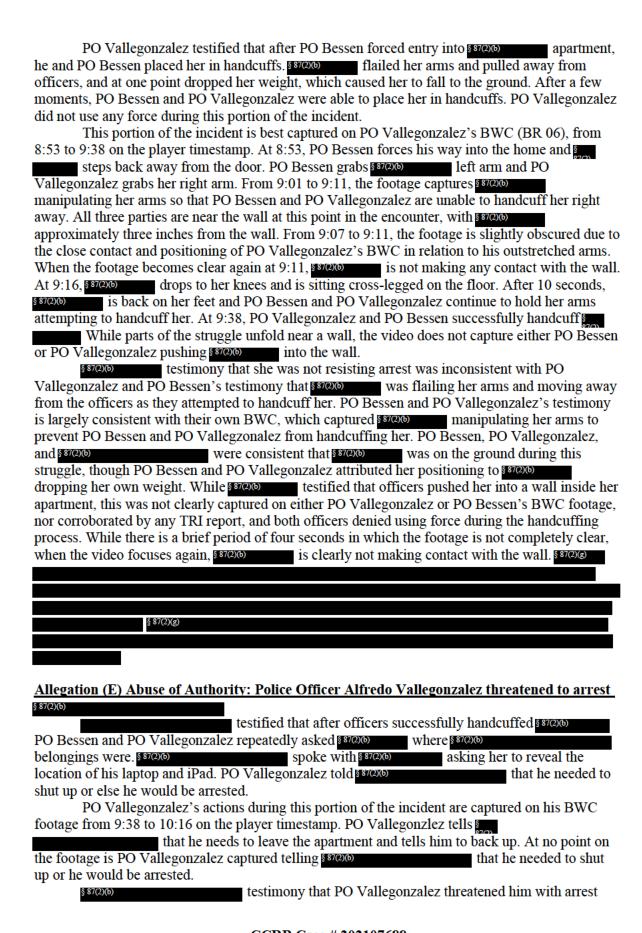
Case Summary

On December 18 th , 2021, \$87(2)(b) filed the following complaint with the CCRB on
behalf of herself and her boyfriend, \$87(2)(b) via online website. On December
20th, 2021, \$87(2)(b) filed a duplicate of this complaint with the CCRB via the Call Processing
System.
On December 17 th , 2021, at approximately 9:50pm, § 87(2)(b) and her four children
and \$87(2)(b) ages three, four, seven, and nine,
respectively, were at \$87(2)(b) home located at \$87(2)(b) in
respectively, were at \$87(2)(b) home located at \$87(2)(b) in Brooklyn. \$87(2)(b) called 911 and alleged that \$87(2)(b) stole property,
including a laptop and an iPad, from his apartment in Queens. Police Officers Matthew Bessen and
Alfredo Vallegonzalez, both of the 75 th Precinct, responded to the location and met
outside the building and PO Bessen knocked on \$87(2)(b) door. When
opened the door, PO Bessen placed his foot in the threshold of \$87(2)(b) apartment
door frame, which prevented her from closing the door (Allegation A: Abuse of Authority,
\$87(2)(g) then slammed the door closed. PO Bessen knocked again, and after a
few minutes [887(2)(b)] reopened the door and PO Bessen forced entry into the apartment by
pushing the door open (Allegation B: Abuse of Authority, §87(2)(g)
PO Vallegonzalez followed PO Bessen into the apartment, and both officers grabbed
to handcuff her. PO Bessen and PO Vallegonzalez allegedly pushed \$87(2)(b) into a wall
in her apartment (Allegation C, Allegation D: Force, S87(2)(g) PO Vallegonzalez allegedly
told \$87(2)(b) that if \$87(2)(b) did not stop talking, PO
Vallegonzalez would arrest him (Allegation E: Abuse of Authority, §87(2)(g) PO Bessen told
"Now I have to get a unit here to take down your door," (Allegation F: Abuse of
Authority, 887(2)(g) PO Bessen and PO Vallegonzalez walked to the back room of
apartment and recovered \$87(2)(b) belongings from the fire escape
(Allegation G, Allegation H: Abuse of Authority, S 87(2)(9) Sergeant Kimberly Bove and
PO Jianyue Guo, also of the 75 th Precinct, arrived on scene for assistance. After speaking with
about \$87(2)(b) children, Sergeant Bove opened \$87(2)(b) refrigerator and looked
inside (Allegation I: Abuse of Authority, §87(2)(g) As §87(2)(b)
did not wish to press charges against \$87(2)(b) all officers left the incident location. PO Bessen,
PO Vallegonzalez, and Sergeant Bove failed to provide a business card to \$87(2)(6) (Allegations
J-L: Abuse of Authority, § 87(2)(g) § 87(2)(g), § 87(4-b)
No arrests or summonses resulted from this incident.
BWC footage for this incident was received from PO Bessen, PO Vallegonzalez, PO Guo,
and Sergeant Bove, the relevant aspects of which are addressed in further detail below.
Findings and Recommendations
Allegation (A) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Matthew Bessen entered
in Brooklyn.
Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Matthew Bessen entered
in Brooklyn.
Allegation (G) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Matthew Bessen searched
in Brooklyn.
Allegation (H) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Alfredo Vallegonzalez searched (S7(2))
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called 911 (BR 01) and requested officers to \$87(2)(b) home at \$87(2)
in Brooklyn. PO Bessen and PO Vallegonzalez responded to the
location and met \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ outside the building. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ alleged that earlier in the day. \$\frac{87(2)(b)}{2}\$ stole his iPad and lapton from his home and removed them to the

entered the building
and walked to \$87(2)(0) apartment door. PO Bessen knocked on the door and \$87(2)(0)
opened it, at which point PO Bessen put his foot in the door frame such that could not
close it. PO Bessen explained \$87(2)(0) allegations and asked \$87(2)(0) if he could come inside, at which point \$87(2)(0) told PO Bessen that \$87(2)(0) asked to get dressed and PO Bessen agreed but
could come inside, at which point \$87(2)(0) told PO Bessen that \$87(2)(0)
belongings were not in the apartment. §87(2)(6) asked to get dressed and PO Bessen agreed but
the apartment door had to stay open. §\$7(2)(6) then pushed her apartment door
closed forcefully. PO Bessen banged on \$87(2)(b) door and requested she open it. After two
minutes, § 87(2)(6) opened her apartment door a second time, and PO Bessen pushed the door
open and forced his way into her apartment. PO Vallegonzalez followed behind.
testified (BR 02) that PO Bessen put his foot in the threshold of her door to
prevent her from closing it. After she opened the door a second time, PO Bessen forced his way
into the apartment by putting his bodyweight against the door and pushing it open. At no point did
ever provide consent for PO Bessen to enter the apartment. After PO Bessen and PO
Vallegonzalez entered her apartment, PO Bessen asked her where \$87(2)(6)
belongings were located. §87(2)(b) told her that §87(2)(b) bag was in the back
room of her apartment. PO Bessen and PO Vallegonzlaez escorted sazzon to the back room,
where she showed them \$87(2)(b) bag on the fire escape.
testified (BR 03) that he was in the building hallway while PO
Bessen spoke with PO Bessen placed his foot in the threshold of \$87(2)(6) door to
prevent her from closing it. After serond opened her door a second time, PO Bessen forced the
door open and entered the apartment.
PO Bessen testified (BR 04) that he put his foot in the threshold of 87(2)(6) door
frame because it prevented from closing her apartment door. PO Bessen did not want
to close her door because he was concerned that she would not reopen it. PO Bessen
testified that he forcibly entered the apartment because he had probable cause, described as
verbal allegations of property theft, to arrest \$57(2)(0) in regard. At no
point did \$87000 provide consent for PO Bessen to enter the home. PO Bessen had no reason
to believe that \$37(2)(6) was a threat to herself or others at the time he entered the apartment.
After entering the apartment, \$87(2)(6) at first denied possession of \$87(2)(6)
belongings. Eventually, \$87(2)(0) relented, and PO Bessen and PO Vallegonzalez walked
to a back room of the apartment, where \$87(2)(6) bag was recovered on
the fire escape. PO Vallegonzalez testified (PR 05) that he entered NV/(NV)
PO Vallegonzalez testified (BR 05) that he entered apartment because he had
probable cause to arrest her for \$87000 allegations of property theft. After entering the apartment, \$87000 eventually told PO Bessen and PO Vallegonzalez that the bag
was in a back room of the apartment. PO Bessen, PO Vallegonzaelz, and \$87(2)(6) all walked to
the back room, where \$87000 belongings were recovered from the fire escape.
PO Vallegonzalez's BWC footage (BR 06) captures PO Bessen knock on \$87(2)(6)
apartment door at 4:18 on the player timestamp. At 4:50, \$87(2)00 opens the door. Because of
the camera angle from PO Vallegonzalez's chest, the BWC footage does not capture PO Bessen's
foot in the threshold of \$87000 door frame. From 4:50 to 6:53 on the player timestamp,
is speaking with PO Bessen from inside her apartment. At 6:54, \$870,000 states she
needs to close her door in order to put clothes on, and PO Bessen is captured stating, "The door is
going to stay open." At 6:57, PO Vallegonzalez's footage captures PO Bessen leaned fully against
door attempting to keep the door open. His foot is captured near but not inside the
threshold of \$87(2)(6) door. \$87(2)(6) successfully closes her apartment door. From 7:00 to
8:50 on the player timestamp, PO Bessen repeatedly knocks on [870] apartment door and
instructs her to open it. At 8:50, \$87(2)(6) opens the apartment door a second time and PO
Bessen slams both of his open palms against the apartment door and forcefully pushes it open. Both
PO Bessen and PO Vallegonzalez enter the apartment seconds later. At 16:22, PO Bessen and PO

they recover v. New York, 445 US 573 (BR 07), the warrantless entry of a man's house in order to arrest him is unreasonable in the absence of some one of a number of well-defined exige circumstances, including hot pursuit, emergencies, certain dangerous situations, and consent. While not explicitly captured on PO Vallegonzalez's BWC footage, PO Bessen and testimony are consistent that PO Bessen put his foot across the threshold of Front apartment door to prevent her from closing the door. PO Bessen testified he put his foot in the threshold as a tactical measure to prevent from closing the door, out of a fear that vould not reopen the door if she were they recover they are captured except.	ent
The only crime alleged by \$57(2)(0) was a property crime, and nothing about PO Bessen's testimony or PO Vallegzonalez's BWC footage indicates that \$57(2)(0) was a threat to herself or others or that there was any emergency at hand inside the residence.	
It is undisputed that after \$\frac{\	O is
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because he would not stop talking is inconsistent with PO Vallegonzalez's BWC footage, which did not capture him making such a remark or any similar threat. §87(2)(g) Allegation (F) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Matthew Bessen threatened to damage property. testified that after she shut the door the first time, PO Bessen banged on the door and requested she open it. After \$87(2)(6) did not open the door, PO Bessen told her that she needed to open the door or PO Bessen would take it off the hinges. PO Bessen's remarks in the building hallway between the first and second time [8870]00 opens her door are captured on PO Bessen's BWC footage (BR 09) from 7:00 to 8:56 on the player timestamp. At no point is PO Bessen captured telling 1970, that he was going to take the door of the hinges, or threatening property damage of any kind. However, after PO Bessen gained entry apartment and she is in handcuffs, PO Bessen is captured stating, "When you slam the door on my fingers – I don't care if your kids are here. You put myself in harm. Now I have to get a unit here to take down your door in front of your kids" (13:34). PO Bessen testified he made this remark because when an individual has barricaded themselves inside a home and officers need to make entry, ESU needs to be called because they have the tools and experience to safely enter someone's home. Had \$87(2)(6) not re-opened the door, PO Bessen would have had to call a supervisor and explain the situation, but he is not aware if ESU would have forced entry into \$87(2)(6) home. Per Payton v. New York, 445 US 573, the warrantless entry of a man's house in order to arrest him is unreasonable in the absence of some one of a number of well-defined exigent circumstances, including hot pursuit, emergencies, certain dangerous situations, and consent. testimony that PO Bessen threatened to remove the door from the hinges is inconsistent with PO Bessen's BWC footage, which did not capture him making this exact remark. However, PO Bessen's BWC footage did capture him tell \$87(2)(6) that he would call additional door. § 87(2)(g) officers to the scene to break down § 87(2)(6) Allegation (I) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Kimberley Bove searched \$87(2)(6) in Brooklyn. \$ 87(2)(b) testified that after \$ 87(2)(b) belongings were returned to him, PO Bessen called a supervisor to her apartment. Sergeant Bove arrived on scene and asked about the care and living conditions of \$300 children. Sergeant Bove asked if she had an open ACS case, about the cleanliness of \$87(2)(6) an abandoned crib. After this conversation, Sergeant Bove went to the apartment kitchen, whereupon she looked extensively in the kitchen area. Sergeant Bove testified (BR 10) that upon entering the apartment and speaking with PO Bessen, and PO Vallegonzalez, she made the following observations: there were no working lights in the apartment, there was no toilet paper or paper towels, there were no sheets on any of the beds, and there was no visible food in the kitchen. Sergeant Bove asked the children got enough food to eat, and saron replied that she fed her children rice. Based on these observations, Sergeant Bove was concerned for the welfare of \$87(2)(6) such, Sergeant Bove looked in \$870,00 fridge to determine if there was enough food. PO Bessen testified that after entering the apartment, there was not very much food in the kitchen, that there were irregular sleeping arrangements such as a lack of bedding and bare

mattresses in the living space, there was no toilet paper or paper towels in the home, and there were no working lights in the home. Additionally, the home was very messy with markings on the wall.

PO Bessen made these observations known to Sergeant Bove upon her arrival. At the conclusion of the incident, Sergant Bove instructed PO Bessen to make a referral to ACS in the form of a Suspected Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCAM) report. PO Bessen generated the SCAM report and sent the referral to ACS.

At 13:50 on the player timestamp of Sergeant Bove's BWC footage (BR 11), Sergeant Bove is captured entering kitchen. Sergeant Bove asks with the refrigerator?" sergeant Bove to a mini-fridge in the corner of the room. Sergeant Bove states, "Do you got food in the fridge?" At 14:01, Sergeant Bove opens the fridge and freezer doors and shines her flashlight inside. At no point on Sergeant Bove's BWC is she captured searching any other closed areas in the apartment.

In <u>People v. Doll 21 N.Y.3d 66</u> (BR 12) the court established that officers have a right to warrantless entry if circumstances are deemed an emergency. The 'emergency doctrine' consists of a three prong test: (1) the police must have reasonable grounds to believe there is an emergency at hand and an immediate need for their assistance for the protection of life or property and this belief must be grounded in empirical facts; (2) the search must not be primarily motivated by an intent to arrest and seize evidence; and (3) there must be some reasonable basis, approximating probable cause, to associate the emergency with the area or place to be searched.

Sergeant Bove testified that she searched inside \$87000 fridge because of a concern
for the welfare of \$8000 children. Specifically, Sergeant Bove was worried that \$8000
did not have enough food for her children. Sergeant Bove and PO Bessen were consistent that a
SCAM report was generated and sent to ACS. PO Bessen testified that that the basis of the SCAM
report was a lack of food inside \$87(2)(0) apartment, as well as the absence of toiletries and
working lights. § \$7(2)@

Allegation (J) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Kimberley Bove failed to provide with a business card.

Allegation (K) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Matthew Bessen failed to provide with a business card.

Allegation (L) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Alfredo Vallegonzalez failed to provide with a business card.

It is undisputed that Sergeant Bove searched refrigerator, and that was not arrested or issued any summonses at the conclusion of the incident.

PO Bessen, PO Vallegonzalez, and Sergeant Bove testified they did not offer strong a business card because the situation did not require officers to proactively provide a business card.

Administrative Code 14-174 (BR 13) states that members of service are required to offer a business card to individuals at the conclusion of any home search that does not result in an arrest or summons.

As members of service are required to offer individuals a business card at the conclusion of any home search that does not result in an arrest or summons, and as PO Bessen, PO Vallegonzalez, and Sergeant Bove searched home and did not arrest her or issue her a summons, and none of the three officers offered her a business card structure.

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		ice for three and has been a subject which were substantiated. [887(2)(2)	in nine CCRB
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Squad Leader:	Cassandra Fenkel Signature	IM Cassandra Fenkel Print Title & Name	02/28/2023 Date

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